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## **Howard County Board of License Commissioners to meet in an Emergency Session to consider Temporary Alcohol Beverage License Relief in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*Ellicott City, MD* – (March 19, 2020) – On March 20, 2020, the Howard County Board of License Commissioners will meet in an Emergency Session to discuss measures to provide much needed economic relief to the many restaurants and bars being impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. On March 19, 2020, Governor Hogan issued Executive Order 20-03-19-02, which is an emergency order that allows for delivery and carry-out sales of alcohol by restaurants, bars, distilleries, wineries, and other entities holding a State or local license to manufacture or sell alcoholic beverages (alcoholic beverage retailers), subject to liquor laws and other conditions imposed by local alcoholic beverage authorities. The Board is meeting to discuss temporary changes to current conditions to facilitate delivery and carryout during the current emergency.

Board of License Commissioners Chair David Yungmann states, "Restaurants and bars will be some of the most adversely impacted businesses during this challenging period. I appreciate Governor Hogan granting us the temporary authority to both expand opportunities for our local businesses and to further support critical social distancing."

The Board of License Commissioners will be meeting virtually at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the impact of Executive Order 20-03-19-02. The meeting will be broadcast and [livestreamed online](#) for those interested in watching remotely. Public comment may made to the Board of License Commissioners by emailing [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov).

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